

# Room Nine Tidbits

August 25, 2015

## Welcome to First Grade!

### Action Points:

- We sent home a Parent Questionnaire on Monday. If you would like to receive communication via e-mail, please be sure to include your e-mail address on this form! I will be sending a weekly class newsletter. Rarely, I will also send other updates as necessary.
- Yellow Folders will be sent home with students daily! Homework will be sent in the Yellow Folder. Although we may not have homework every night, please be sure to check these with your child every night!

First Grade Families,  
Welcome to First Grade! I am very excited to get to know each one of you this year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and welcome you to Room Nine!

I was born in Limerick, Ireland. I moved to Houston when I was ten and studied at the University of Houston. I stud-

ied Interdisciplinary Studies Early Childhood- 6th Grade and was fortunate enough to student teach at Kolter Elementary.

This is my third year at Kolter Elementary and I am so happy to be part of the Kolter community!

Welcome to First Grade and I look forward to welcoming

each one of you to our Room Nine family! I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Brown



## Classroom Communication

I believe strongly in frequent communication between the classroom and families. Communication is a critical component in the success of our students. The following forms of communication will be sent on a routine schedule.

- E-Mail List Serve— A weekly newsletter will be sent via e-mail list serve. I will also post the newsletter to my Wiki at <http://mswyatt.wikispaces.com/home>. Please allow 1-2 weeks for our newsletter to get up and running!
- Daily Folders— Yellow Folders will go home every night. Please review this folder for homework and school notices.
- Tuesday Folders— Kolter folders will be sent home every Tuesday. These will include school-wide notices and graded work which will need to be signed and returned.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know! E-mail is the fastest way to reach me ([sbrown38@houstonisd.org](mailto:sbrown38@houstonisd.org)). I will check throughout the day and respond as quickly as possible!

## Conduct Folder

Our Class Conduct is measured with a green, yellow and red "Star Behavior" system. This is based on Kolter's Discipline Policy which seeks to create a learning community where we work together to create a safe, respectful, responsible and committed environment. We will also have a reward system in place for outstanding behavior throughout the day including Cougar Cash (redeemable for schoolwide incentives), stickers, pencils and erasers.

Kolter Conduct Folders are sent home every day. Conduct grades are based on the number of signatures each child has at the end of the 9 week grading period

- E — 0-11 signatures
- S — 12-21 signatures
- P — 22-31 signatures
- U — more than 31 signatures

Special notes will be added when students are caught being "Bucket Fillers" or doing an extra special job.

I look forward to a great year ahead!

### Dates to Remember:

First Week Pack-ets Go Home	8/25
First Week Pack-ets Due Back	8/28
Summer Reading Assignments Due	8/28
Spirit Night at Escalante's	8/31
Open House—Grades PK-2	9/2
Labor Day—NO SCHOOL	9/7
PTO Meeting—6:30 PM	9/8